



CREW DEFINITION: WHAT IS CREW?

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

—Ephesians 4:11-13

High-Life has two opportunities to serve

This year Crew has 2 teams, the Jr High crew and the Sr. High-Life crew. The Jr High team will focus on the aspects of Jr High-Life and contact work with Jr High Students. The Jr High team is designed to assist in the Crew member's walk and to serve Jr High students. The Sr. High-Life team is designed to equip and enable students for peer ministry every week both at school and Sr. High-Life. Senior Crew will learn how to communicate the gospel every day and advance the Kingdom where they live, work and play. Sr. Crew members will practice skills and gain resources that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

Crew is Servant-leadership

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus, who, being in very nature, God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but instead made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

—Philippians 2:5

Each member of Crew is called to model Christ's example of Servant-leadership. Crew is a servant-leadership position made up of High School Juniors and Seniors who serve High-Life students at Southwood..

Crew involves great responsibility and rich reward. As a member of Crew your life will be challenged and changed. Southwood Youth Ministries is committed to disciplining students according to the various stages of growth and development. Therefore, Crew will help you identify how you can advance the Kingdom of God in your own life and in the lives of High-Life students.

Crew is a Community

*Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you fulfill the law of Christ.
—Galatians 6:2*

We must seek to take our eyes off of ourselves, and focus on others' needs. Crew is not just a servant-leadership team, it is also a small group. It involves mutual accountability and encouragement. It is a ministry to the members just as much as it is a ministry to the High-Life community. You will be stretched in your walk with Christ as you are challenged to serve and lead faithfully.

Crew is a Ministry of Modeling

*Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.
—1 Timothy 4:16*

A primary purpose of Crew is to imitate Christ's attitude as you love, serve, and lead those around you. Each member of Crew is called to properly represent Christ and His Kingdom through two primary means: your actions in life and your teaching in the word.

CREW DEFINITION: WHY DO CREW?

Ministry is about developing a heart for others.

Ministry for the Believer is NOT an Option.

Spiritual Gifts

Crew helps its members learn more about spiritual gifts as well as learning what gifts God has individually given them.

*9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. 11 If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.
—1 Peter 4:9-11*

Good Works

Crew is an immediate context within Southwood to express grace through Good works. We teach Crew the vital role that obedience plays in faith.

We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
—Ephesians 2:10

Sacrifice

We teach and help flesh out the principle of sacrifice as a core element of service. As Christ sacrificed for his people, so too do we sacrifice for his kingdom.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, *to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.*
—Romans 12:1

Ministry for every believer is an integral part of our life in Christ and the work of His Kingdom.

CREW OBJECTIVES: WHAT WILL I BE DOING?

As a member of Crew, every retreat, ministry activity, and gathering will have three specific objectives:

1. Honor and love Christ and the work of his kingdom more fully.
2. Embrace servant leadership with clear ministry objectives.
3. Invest in a community with Crew members and adult leaders.

Commitments:

Being a member of Crew is a BIG commitment and will demand dedication, time, and energy. As a member of Crew, both your fellow team members and Jr. High students will be looking to you for shepherding and leadership.

Understanding the importance of your leadership roles in our community and at your school, we desire to be reasonably accommodating of your other commitments. Choose wisely what you ask to miss. Please take note of the chart below.

Activities for All Crew	Day and Time
1) Crew Meeting	Jr. Crew - Wednesday 7:30-9:00pm Sr. Crew - Sunday 9:30-10:30am
2) Sr. High-Life	Sunday 7:00-9:00pm
3) Crew Training Retreat	Crew training trip July 25-29, 2013 (Jr. and Sr. Crew)

4) Sr. High Winter Retreat	February 7-9, 2014
5) High-Life Representative (You represent High-Life ministries and you represent Christ)	Every hour of every day
6) Contact Work	Spending time weekly with the students
7) Prayer	Daily on your own
Additional Responsibilities for Jr Crew	
8) Jr High-Life	Wednesday 6-7:30pm
9) Jr High Fall Retreat	October 18-20, 2013

Because of the level of commitment required for Crew members, your leaders ask that you only miss 2 Crew meetings a semester. We understand that your calling to education is primary and we want to honor that. At the same time, these 2 absences should allow you to manage tests and extra work by teachers.